

1. A method of searching for medical information executed by one or more computers comprising:

- (a) receiving a request for medical information from a requestor including identification of a subject;
- (b) transmitting a query to a medical information repository for information pursuant to the request; and
- (c) transmitting a response to the request including information based on the response to the query, the response being de-identified prior to transmission to remove any identifying information therein.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the request further includes a signed information release.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein verifying the request includes verifying the signed information release.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising

- (a) utilizing the medical information as a surrogate for a physician-based medical record.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is received by an internet website from an internet browser program executing on a computer communicating with the internet website.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the query is transmitted to the medical information repository by an internet website communicating with the medical information repository.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the computer communicating with the internet website operates according to input from a device capable of detecting the presence of an authorized user.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein verifying the request includes verifying the source of the request.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the response includes medication information, further comprising

(a) determining a probable location of medical information based on the medication information.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the response includes clinical information, further comprising

(a) determining a probable location of medical information based on the clinical information.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising

(a) verifying the request

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising

(a) receiving a response to the query.

13. A method of claim 1, wherein the response is transmitted directly to the

requestor.

14. A method of searching for medical information executed by a network comprising:
- (a) requesting medical information including identification of a subject;
 - (b) verifying the request;
 - (c) querying a medical information repository for medical information about the identified subject;
 - (d) generating a response including any medical information about the subject contained in the medical information repository; and
 - (e) de-identifying the response to remove any identifying information from the response.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein the response includes medication information, further comprising
- a) determining a probable location of medical information based on the medication information.
16. The method of claim 14, wherein the response includes clinical information, further comprising
- (a) determining a probable location of medical information based on the clinical information.

17. The method of claim 14, further comprising

(a) utilizing the medical information as a surrogate for a physician-based medical record.

18. The method of claim 14, wherein requesting medical information about an identified subject is accomplished through an internet browser program executing on a computer communicating with an internet website.

19. The method of claim 14, wherein querying a medical information repository for medical information about the identified subject is accomplished through an Internet website communicating with a medical information repository.

20. The method of claim 14, wherein requesting medical information about an identified subject is accomplished by a computer operating according to input from a device capable of detecting the presence of an authorized user.

21. The method of claim 14, wherein verifying the request includes verifying the source of the request.

22. The method of claim 14, wherein verifying the request includes verifying a medical information release form.

23. A method for gathering and formatting medical information regarding an individual, and making that information available to a requestor, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) searching at least one medical information repository for medical information regarding a group of preselected individuals;
- (b) compiling and formatting at the site of the medical information repository the results of the search in a generic format ascertainable by requester;
- (c) de-identifying the results of the search; and
- (d) providing the compiled and de-identified results of at least one of the preselected individuals to a requestor upon verification that the request is authorized.

24. A method of providing relevant medical data from a medical information repository to a requestor in a format ascertainable by a requestor, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving a query regarding the medical history of an individual;
- (b) searching and compiling medical information from third party sources;
- (c) de-identifying the medical information; and
- (d) providing the compiled and de-identified medical information to satisfy the query.